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SUBJECT: BURMAH OIL TANKER CASE

1. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) HAS BEEN CONDUCTING PRIVATE, INFORMAL INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE BURMAH OIL CO., LTD. CONCERNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POSSIBLE QUESTIONABLE AND/OR ILLEGAL UNDISCLOSED PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A BURMAH SUBSIDIARY'S AGREEMENT WITH PERTAMINA TO TRANSPORT LNG FROM INDONESIA TO JAPAN. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE, SEC SERVED IBNU SUTOWO WHEN HE WAS IN U.S. WITH A SUBPOENA REQUIRING HIS APPEARANCE AND TESTIMONY. SUTOWO DID NOT APPEAR AND IS IN DEFAULT UNDER SUBPOENA.

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